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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 October 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 and 33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 and 33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The following communication is in response to Applicant's amendment filed 05 October 2005.

Status of Claims

2. Claims 1, 4 and 33 are previously presented. Claims 2, 3 and 5-15 are originally filed. Claims 16-32 and 34-54 are cancelled. Therefore claims 1-15 and 33 are under prosecution in this application.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 05 October 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive as discussed below. Therefore claims 1-15 and 33 remain rejected and Applicant's request for allowance is respectfully declined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

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(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fox et al. (hereinafter Fox) U.S. Patent 6,560,581.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fox et al. (hereinafter Fox) U.S. Patent 6,560,581 as stated in the previous office action, mailed 06 July 2005. Applicant notes in his remarks that claim 1 of the instant application defines a solution to a particular problem common to most commerce systems, authentication of transactions. However, there is no mention of authentication teachings in claim 1. The Examiner interprets the language of claim 1 to be a mode of payment between a customer and a merchant. The Examiner respectfully disagrees with Applicant's remarks that Fox fails to teach the method for completing a transaction. Applicant states that Fox fails to teach receiving from a merchant information pertaining to a purchase "in response to a customer ordering over a first communication network a good or service the customer desires to purchase," and in response to the customer "supplying identifying information to the merchant pertaining to the customer." The Examiner respectfully disagrees. Fox teaches that the customer sends a signed GSO to the merchant (column 25, lines 11-15). The GSO is for goods and services and contains information including customer information (column 24, lines 47-58). The merchant then authenticates the digital signature of the customer (column 25, lines 16-23). Then the merchant server provides

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information to secure the funds (column 25, lines 23-30). Therefore the Examiner believes that Fox teaches the limitation referenced in claim 1 by the Applicant and Applicant's arguments are not persuasive.

Applicant further submits that Fox fails to teach the step of "establishing, over the second electronic network, a contact with the customer in which the customer is identified to the transaction center and the customer is enabled to express intent to complete the purchase." Again, the Examiner respectfully disagrees. Fox teaches steps in which the customer is identified to the transaction center (column 25, lines 16-35). Continuing, the customer is also able to express intent to complete the purchase when the customer verifies the receipt of the purchase (column 25, lines 49-60). Fox also teaches contact in the system through the utilization of more than one network (Figure 18). Therefore this limitation is also deemed anticipated by Fox and applicant's argument is not persuasive. Claim 2 depends from claim 1 and therefore is rejected as stated in the previous office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

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8. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

9. Claims 3-15 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fox et al. (hereinafter Fox) U.S. Patent 6,560,581 in view of Kight et al. (hereinafter Kight) U.S. Patent 5,873,072.

Claim 33 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as stated in the previous office action. Applicant submits that Kight fails to teach at least "receiving from a merchant information pertaining to a purchase." However, this limitation as well as the others mentioned in the remarks of the Kight reference are not relied upon from the teachings of Kight, but are drawn from the Fox reference. The rejection of claim 33 is based on the combination of Fox in view of Kight. One cannot show nonobviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on combinations of references. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981); *In re Merck & Co.*, 800 F.2d 1091, 231 USPQ 375 (Fed. Cir. 1986). Claims 3-15 remain rejected based upon their dependency and as stated in the previous office action. Therefore, Applicant's request for allowance is respectfully declined and claims 1-15 and 33 remain rejected.

Conclusion

10. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

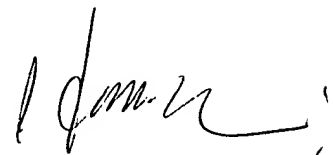
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stefano Karmis whose telephone number is (571) 272-6744. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (571) 272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Respectfully Submitted
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20 December 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. M. Kazimi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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